# By the King.

## A Proclamation for the Tranſportation of any kinde of Corne, Graine, or Victuals for the ſupply of the Nauie, or Armie in the parts of *France*.

WHereas Our Nauie and Army are now at, and in the Iſle of Ree, vnder the Command of the Duke of Buckingham; And that it is fit Our Subiects and Allyes, ſeruing and aſſiſting Us in Our ſaid Nauie and Armie, ſhould bee ſupplied with all prouiſions conuenient for their reliefe: Wee by the Aduice of Our Priuie Counſell, haue thought fit to publiſh and declare, and doe hereby publiſh and declare, That it ſhall, and may bee lawfull for all, or any Merchants, beeing Our owne naturall borne Subiects, or Denizens of either of Our Kingdomes of England, or Ireland, to tranſport, or carie any Corne, Graine, or Victuals, of any ſorts or kinds out of either of Our ſaid Kingdoms, vnto Our Army in the ſayd Iſland of Ree, or elſewhere, or vnto the Towne of Rochell, and not elſewhere, they firſt putting in good and ſufficient ſecurity of knowen Merchants, to the Officers of Our Cuſtomes, in the ſame Port where the ſame ſhall bee ſhipped to Our vſe, That they ſhall tranſport all ſuch Corne, Graine, and Victuals, either vnto the ſayd Armie, or vnto the ſayd Towne of Rochell, and not elſewhere; And that they ſhall bring backe to the Officers of the ſayd Port, where ſuch ſecurity ſhall be entred, within ſixe Moneths then next following, a true Certificate of the deliuery of all ſuch Corne, Graine, and Victuals at one of thoſe places, vnder the hand of the ſaid Duke of Buckingham, Generall of Our Armie, or vnder the hand of the Duke of Soubize, or of Sir Allan Apſley, Knight, Commiſſary generall of the Victuals, or of Sir William Beecher, Knight, Secretary of the ſayd Armie: And alſo making an entry in the Office of Our Admiralty, of euery ſuch Shippe.

And further, Our will and pleaſure is, and ſo Wee doe hereby publiſh and declare, That it

shall bee lawfull for any Merchant of Rochell, being a Frenchman, to transport or carie in any Ship or Vessel, being either an English or French Bottome, any Corne, Graine, or Victual, of any kind whatsoever, out of these Realmes of England or Ireland, or any part of them, or either of them, vnto Our Army in the sayd Iland of Ree, or elsewhere, or to the sayd Towne of Rochell, vpon good and sufficient security, of knowen Merchants, English or Denizens, residing in England or Ireland respectiuely, first giuen to the Officers of the Customes of that Port, where the same shall bee shipped to Our vse, That they shall not transport the sayd Corne, Graine, or Victuals, or any part thereof, to any other place, then to Our Armie in the said Iland of Ree, or elsewhere, or to the said Towne of Rochell; And that they shal procure a true Certificate of the deliuery or discharge of the said Corne, Graine, and Victuals, at, or in the said places, or one of them, vnder the hand of the said Duke of Buckingham, Duke of Soubize, Sir Allan Apsley, and Sir William Beecher, or one of them, as aforesaid, and making an entry likewise in the Office of Our Admiraltie, of euery such Shippe, as aforesaid; And this to bee done notwithstanding any Law, Proclamation, or restraint to the contrary.

And Our further pleasure is, and Wee doe straitly charge and command, all and euery the Officers of Our Customes whom it may concerne, that they doe duely certifie all the Bonds which shall bee taken by them respectiuely, into Our Exchequer, within eight Moneths after the date thereof, vnlesse in the meane time there shall bee such Certificate returned of the deliuery, and discharge of the said Corne, Graine and Victuals, according to the tenour and true meaning of the said Bonds, and the Conditions thereof.

Giuen at Our Court at Bagshot, the eighteenth day of August, in the third yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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